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BRYAN'S NOMINATION

The Boy Orator's Selection at Chicago for President.

MANY SCENES OF GREAT EXCITEMENT

The Nomination Made Unanimous with Some Objection from Pennsylvania. Stampede to the Nebraskan on the Fifth Ballot Secured His Success.

Chicago, July 11.—The fourth day's session of the democratic national convention was opened in torrid heat. The galleries were crowded and everything promised a repetition of the exciting scenes of the previous sessions. The absence of Senator Hill and Secretary Whitney was commented upon. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Green, the chair recognized Mr. Harry of Pennsylvania who placed in nomination ex-Gov. Robert E. Pattison. Former Gov. Pennoyer of Oregon was then named by Mr. Miller of that state. The nominations were seconded. No other names being presented, the chair declared the nominations closed, and, first invoking order, directed the secretary to call the roll of states. When the first state was called Chairman Lomax of Alabama rose to say that several of the delegates desired to vote for former Gov. Russell of Massachusetts, but under the unit rule he cast the 22 votes of Alabama for Horace Boies. Several of the chairmen of the delegations injected little stump speeches into their announcements of the votes of the delegations. When Massachusetts was reached a delegate announced that the chairman and vice-chairman were absent, and Mr. Sullivan of the delegation announced that these gold men were purposely absenting themselves. New Jersey having reached, the chairman of the delegation rose and said that New Jersey declined to vote, whereupon the galleries broke into cheers and hisses. The chair requested that such demonstrations cease, and a delegate shouted: "They are all republicans and ought to be put out." The state of New York refused to vote. South Carolina caused a surprise when the chairman announced that under instructions from her state convention South Carolina cast 17 votes for "her honored son," Benjamin Tillman, one not voting. (Hisses and cheers.)

Slight Applause for Teller.

The state of Colorado, which had been passed by consent, was called and brought Senator Teller's name before the convention. It was received with faint hisses and very slight applause. Massachusetts, which had also been passed, brought in Hill's name by casting one vote for him. The second ballot was begun at 12:30. As soon as it was started Senator White vacated the chair, placing the gavel in the hands of Mr. Richardson of Tennessee. South Carolina swung over from Tillman to Bryan, whose gains had begun early in the balloting. The District of Columbia manifested its capacity for lightning changes by scattering its vote as follows: Three for Bryan, one for Bland, one for Boies and one for McLean. Before the vote was announced and while it was being counted up California announced a change of her vote, as follows: Bryan, 14; Bland, 1; Matthews, 1; Boies, 1. A gain of seven for Bryan.

Attempt to Stampede the Convention.

The result of the fourth ballot had only been partially announced when it was interrupted by an intensely dramatic scene. When Bryan's big gain from 219 to 250 leading Bland and all other candidates was announced, by a prearranged plan Bryan banners were raised on the standards of several states and big shouting was indulged in with a view of stampeding the convention to his support. Nevada, a McLean state; Kansas, a Bland state; Idaho and other states that had previously voted for other candidates, led the movement. They were quickly followed in the order named by New Mexico, California, Nevada, District of Columbia, Idaho, Minnesota, Washington, Virginia and Indian Territory who all raised their standards and joined in the general shout for Bryan. Then a procession was started, the standard of twenty two states and territories being born round the hall amid a perfect tornado of cheering. Then Illinois joined in and Florida followed. Ohio came in and a brief spell of silence followed as the rumor passed around that a deal was on with McLean for second place. After fifteen minutes of this hippodrome performance the announcement of the result was contained and the fourth ballot was announced. Immediately following the announcement Senator White said the proceedings had reached the stage where it was necessary for the chair to state his construction of the two-thirds rule. A careful examination of the records of democratic conventions left but one decision open to the chair. The noise and confusion in the hall made the chairman pause: "Oh, gentlemen," he remonstrated, "do keep quiet." Cries of "sit down, sit down."

Two-thirds Rule.

The chairman said that the two-thirds rule had been acted upon without objection ever since its adoption in the Ohio convention of 1872. The rule read:

"two-thirds of the whole number of votes given shall be necessary to a election for president and vice-president." Therefore, in the opinion of the chair two-thirds of the votes given would nominate the candidate for president and vice-president of the United States (cheers). "Call the roll," he ordered, and the fifth ballot was taken. It soon became evident that Bryan was secure of votes sufficient on his ballot to nominate him by the necessary majority. When Kentucky, which was one of the states which did not join in the opposition, was reached, Mr. Rhea, who had put Senator Bickburn in nomination rose and said: "While Kentucky loves her great democrat, Joe Bickburn, and would be glad to see him elected president of the United States, yet as he served in the confederate army they do not seem to want him (faint hisses). Therefore, Kentucky takes great pleasure in casting her twenty-six votes for the world's greatest orator, W. J. Bryan" (cheers).

Stampede Name Withdrawn.
Ohio still stood by McLean, Illinois, which had asked to be passed, cast her 45 votes for Bryan. This left him with 433 votes, 66 short of the necessary number. Oklahoma changed her 6 votes from Bland to Bryan, making 454. Then Ohio withdrew the name of McLean and cast 46 votes for Bryan, making his total 500. Before the result was announced, but when it was known that Bryan had received within five votes of the necessary number, Gov. Stone of Missouri ascended the platform, and as soon as order could be obtained he addressed the convention in these words: "Gentlemen of the convention—Two or three days since I received this note from Richard Bland, which I will now read in your hearing: 'I wish it to be understood that I do not desire the nomination unless it is the judgment of the free silver delegates that I would be the strongest candidate. If it shall at any time appear that my candidacy is the least obstruction to the nomination of any candidate who is acceptable to the free coinage delegates or one more acceptable to a majority of those delegates than myself I wish my name at once unconditionally withdrawn from further consideration. I am willing to waive state instructions for me if need be, and to let the free silver delegates settle the whole matter. The cause must be put above the man!'" (Applause.) Gov. Stone then said: "Now, in the name of Missouri, I lower the standard under which we have fought throughout this convention and in its place I lift that of the gifted and glorious son of Nebraska." (Loud and long-continued cheering.) He then cast the 34 votes of Missouri for Bryan.

Stampede to the Bryan Column.
Judge Van Wagenen of Iowa was next recognized. He said the Iowa delegation bore to Chicago with them a message from Gov. Boies saying that he had only the success of the party at heart: that he would not be disappointed if he was not nominated, but would be disappointed if success did not come in November. Judge Van Wagenen then withdrew the name of Boies, and cast the 23 votes of Iowa for Bryan. Senator Jones stood on his feet to announce that Arkansas changed her vote of 15 from Bland to Bryan. Montana changed their 6 votes from Bland to the winner, the chairman declaring that it was the intention of his state to stick to Bland from first to last and they had done their duty. Senator Turpie of Indiana mounted the platform and said amid great noise and confusion that he was authorized to withdraw the name of Gov. Matthews and to cast the vote of Indiana for William J. Bryan of Nebraska. (Cheers.)

Made Unanimous.

Senator Turpie then moved that the nomination of Bryan be made unanimous. After the vote of Texas had been shifted to Mr. Bryan, the chairman put the question on Senator Turpie's motion, and declared it carried—only a few votes in the negative coming from the Pennsylvania delegation. When the announcement was made all order was cast to the winds. The delegates and the audience began to cheer and to wave hats and flags and banners; while the march around the sections was again taken up—all the state emblems being this time carried in the procession. A band of music entered the hall from the vestibule and marched at the head of the procession playing "Marching Through Georgia" and other popular airs, in the chorus of which many of those present joined. "Dixie," which the band also played, had the usual effect of heightening the enthusiasm, and was cheered again and again. At 3:45 p.m. the sergeant-at-arms, in behalf of the chairman, succeeded in getting a hearing so far as to be able to announce that the convention stood in recess till 8 p.m.

Damage Verdict Awarded.

Bridgeport, Conn., July 11.—Judge Hall of the superior court has awarded Benjamin F. Squires and wife of Monroe, \$1,700 and costs in their suit against the American Telegraph and Telephone company of New York. They sued for \$20,000 for injuries received through the carelessness of an agent of the defendant.

IN RELIGION'S CAUSE

Third Day's Session of the Endeavorers' Convention.

CONSIDERING NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

Address of Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett in Tent Endeavor—A Great Open-Air Chorus of 4,000 Voices This Evening.

Washingon, July 11.—The third day's session of the Christian Endeavor convention was opened early this morning with the usual early hour devotional services. Later there was a big gathering at tent Endeavor, where Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, the national superintendent of the National Florence Crittenton mission, delivered an interesting address on "Social Purity, Christ's Way." This afternoon and evening many of the visiting delegates will enjoy excursions to the various points of interest in Washington suburbs. Last evening there were nine vast meetings held in the tents and churches. Tent Williston has been re-erected and is again at the service of the convention. As in the meetings in the morning the capacity of the tents were taxed last night to the utmost to accommodate the crowds. One feature of this convention that calls for especial praise is the singing. A chorus of over 4,000 voices has been in training for several weeks for use at these meetings. This chorus is divided into four sections, one numbering more than 1,000 voices for each tent and one for use of the churches. The sections sit in tiers behind the speakers and sing Endeavor songs in which the vast audiences join.

Great Chorus This Evening.

At the open-air meeting on the capitol grounds this evening at 5 o'clock the united chorus will sing, accompanied by the Marine band. The general topic for the day, "Saved to Serve," was the subject also of last night's meetings. President Clark, Secretary Baer, and Rev. Wayland Hoyt of Philadelphia presided at three meetings in the tents. Addresses were made by moderator John L. Withrow of the Presbyterian general assembly, Bishop Arnett of Ohio, secretary Arthur J. Brown of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, and Rev. Dr. J. W. Chapman of Philadelphia. Other speakers and presiding officers at last night's meetings were as follows: Revs. R. W. Brokaw, Massachusetts; C. L. Fate, Washington; J. L. Campbell, New York; H. H. Robinson, Chicago; R. M. Hubbard, Reading, Pa.; J. M. Lowden, Rhode Island; K. B. Tripp, Philadelphia; Henry Faville, Wisconsin; John Faville, Wisconsin; Charles B. Ramsdell, Washington; W. H. Towers, England; J. H. Bomberger, Ohio; W. H. York, Ithaca; J. B. North, Washington; Asher Anderson, Meriden; Edward Warren, Washington; J. Edward Knipp, Baltimore; A. F. Richardson, West Virginia; Wm. J. Harsha, New York; Matt Hughes, Minneapolis; Prof. J. L. Howe, Virginia; Revs. S. F. Hershey, Boston; F. C. Ottman, Newark, and Bishop Hott of Iowa.

Next Year's Place of Meeting.

The board of trustees of the United Societies held a prolonged meeting discussing the arrangements for the conventions of 1897 and 1898. The passenger rate from Chicago to San Francisco was the matter of interest with regard to next year's convention. Although no formal decision was announced it is understood that the trustees prefer to leave this an open question, trusting to the good efforts of the California to bring this down to the lowest notch. Nashville is in line for the 1898 convention. It is understood that the trustees were favorably inclined to the choice of Nashville, but fear of the effect in cities where the color line is strictly drawn of mixed delegations such as come from the north may prevent the selection of a southern city as the seat of the Christian Endeavor convention. Buffalo, Omaha and Scranton are canvassing for the honor.

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THE FIVE BALLOTS

How the Delegates at Chicago Voted for President.

STAMPEDE CAME AT THE END

New York Took No Part in the Voting and New Jersey Cast Only a Couple of Ballots—Eastern Vote Scattering.

Chicago, July 11.—The following is official result of the first ballot: Bland, 233; Boies, 86; Matthews, 37; McLean, 54; Tillman, 17; Bryan, 105; Blackburn, 83; Pattison, 95; Campbell, 22; Russell, 2; Pennoyer, 10; Hill, 1; Stevenson, 2; Teller, 8; not voting, 185. The vote of some of the states follow: Connecticut—Russell, 2; no other vote cast. Colorado—Teller, 8 (cheers and hisses). Delaware—Bryan, 1; Pattison, 3; 2 not voting. Illinois—Bland, 48. Maine—Pattison, 5; Bland, 2; Bryan, 2; not voting, 3. Maryland—Pattison, 11; Bryan, 4; not voting. Massachusetts—Pattison, 3; Stevenson, 4; Bland, 2; Hill, 1; Bryan, 1; others not voting. Michigan—Bland, 4; Boies, 5; Bryan, 7; not voting, 10. New Hampshire—Pattison, 1; not voting, 7. New Jersey—Declined to vote. New York—Ex-Gov. Flower announced that in view of the platform adopted they would not participate, and declined to vote. (Cheers and hisses). Ohio—McLean, 46. Pennsylvania—Pattison, 64. (Cheers). Rhode Island—Pattison, 6; not voting, 2. Sprang Into Fame in One Night After a Speech in the House of Representatives—Now an Editor at Omaha, Nebraska.

Washington, July 11.—There is nothing in romantic literature that surpasses the meteoric career of William Jennings Bryan, who was nominated at Chicago for the highest office within the gift of the American people. The constitutional age of presidents is 25 years. Bryan is 36, and if elected in November he will be the youngest president that the White House has ever known. He is essentially a self-made man and a man of the people. His principal education was gained in the public schools of Salem, Ill., where his parents resided. During the succeeding six years he received an academic training. The bent of his mind was toward the law and it was in the office of Lyman Trumbull, himself a conspicuous figure during the war and the reconstruction period which followed, that he laid the foundations of his legal career. It was in congress, however, that Mr. Bryan made the reputation which has swept him into his present prominence. In 1890, when only 30 years of age, he was elected a member of the house from the First district of Nebraska, where he located immediately after his admission to the bar. During the consideration of the single tariff bills, which were brought before the house during the first session of that congress, Mr. Bryan electrified his colleagues by the force and vigor of his utterances, his intimate knowledge of economic matters, the gracefulness of his oratory and his ability to sustain himself with credit against the ablest debaters upon the republican side of the chamber.

The Second Ballot.

The official vote on the second ballot resulted as follows: Bland, 281; Boies, 37; Bryan, 107; Blackburn, 41; Pattison, 100; McLean, 53; Matthews, 34; Stevenson, 10; Teller, 8; Pennoyer, 5; Hill, 1; not voting, 160. Connecticut—Pattison, 2; not voting, 19. Colorado—Teller, 3 (cheers and hisses). Delaware—Pattison, 3; Bryan, 1; not voting, 2. Maine—Bland, 2; Bryan, 1; not voting, 4. Maryland—Bryan, 4; Pattison, 11; not voting, 1. Massachusetts—Bland, 5; Pattison, 3; Stevenson, 5; Teller, 2; Hill, 1; Bryan, 1; Matthews, 1; not voting, 17. Michigan—Bryan, 23. New Hampshire—Pattison, 1; not voting, 7. New Jersey—Pattison, 2; not voting, 15. New York—Not voting. Ohio—McLean, 46. Pennsylvania—Pattison, 64. Rhode Island—Pattison, 6; not voting, 2. Vermont—Bryan, 4; not voting, 4.

The Third Ballot.

The third ballot was completed at 1:45 p.m. The totals were: Not voting, 103; Bland, 291; Boies, 36; Matthews, 34; McLean, 54; Bryan, 219; Blackburn, 27; Pattison, 97; Stevenson, 9; Hill, 1. Connecticut—Pattison, 2; not voting, 10. Colorado—Bryan, 8. The crowd cheered when Teller was dropped and Bryan substituted. Delaware—Bryan, 1; Pattison, 3; not voting, 2. Maine—Pattison, 5; Bland, 2; Bryan, 2; not voting, 3. Massachusetts—Stevenson, 5; Pattison, 3; Bland, 2; Hill, 1; Bryan, 1; not voting, 15. Michigan—Bryan, 23. New Hampshire—Pattison, 1; not voting, 7. Ohio—McLean, 46. Pennsylvania—Pattison, 64. Rhode Island—Pattison, 6; not voting, 2. Vermont—Bryan, 4; not voting, 4.

The Fourth Ballot.

Bland, 241; Boies, 33; Matthews, 36; McLean, 46; Bryan, 280; Blackburn, 27; Pattison, 96; Stevenson, 8; Hill, 1; absent or not voting, 162.

The Fifth Ballot.

The fifth ballot was officially announced: Bryan, 500; Bland, 106; Matthews, 31; Boies, 36; Stevenson, 8; Turpie, 1; Hill, 1. Changes were made thereafter giving Bryan more than the necessary 512 votes.

HILL STILL A DEMOCRAT.

Has Nothing To Say at Present on the Result of the Convention.

Chicago, July 11.—I was a democrat before this convention and I am a democrat still. These were the words of Senator David B. Hill when he was asked by a representative of the United Press late yesterday afternoon to express an opinion upon the selection of Mr. Bryan. Further than this the senator said he did not care to talk.

When the proper time arrives his views upon this convention's results, he said, would be fully set forth. Without waiting for the nomination of a vice-president, Senator Hill, ex-secretary of the California to bring this down to the lowest notch. Nashville is in line for the 1898 convention. It is understood that the trustees were favorably inclined to the choice of Nashville, but fear of the effect in cities where the color line is strictly drawn of mixed delegations such as come from the north may prevent the selection of a southern city as the seat of the Christian Endeavor convention. Buffalo, Omaha and Scranton are canvassing for the honor.

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National League Games.

At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 9; Washington, 6. Second game—Cincinnati, 12; Washington, 4. At St. Louis—St. Louis, 13; Boston, 11. At Louisville—Louisville, 10; Philadelphia, 8. At Cleveland—Cleveland, 13; Baltimore, 0. Second game—Baltimore, 9; Cleveland, 6. At Chicago—Chicago, 11; New York, 5. At Pittsburgh—Brooklyn, 4. Pittsburgh, 2. Second game—Pittsburgh, 11; Brooklyn, 6.

Standing of the Clubs.

Per W. L. Ct. Per W. L. Ct.
Cleveland, 43. 21. 672 Philadelph. 30. 33. 478
Cincinnati, 48. 24. 667 Brookln. 33. 36. 478
Bal'more 43. 23. 652 Washn. 30. 33. 478
Boston, 38. 28. 576 N. York 27. 39. 415
Pittsburg, 37. 30. 552 St. Louis 17. 52. 246
Chicago, 39. 24. 534 Lvle. 13. 43. 238

LAST NIGHT'S SESSION.

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And she who watched that reckless ride
Across the nursery floor,
And smiled upon the paper hat
And the wooden sword he wore—
Yet saw, through mist or sudden tears,
A vision strange and true—
Her little lad a soldier crown'd
The prophecy come true!

Years after, when the play was real,
And through the crowded square
Brave men to battle marched away
And the trumpets blare,
One watched with all a mother's price
Their captain strong and tall
Yet as she looked with loving eyes,
The pageant faded still!
She only saw a fair-haired child
Who galloped to the war
Upon his wooden hobby horse,
Across the nursery floor!

—Florence May Att, in Good Housekeeping

MYSTERY OF THE WHARF.

The office and warehouse of Schmidt & Co., shipping merchants, at the Dutch settlement of Batavia, was at the end of a long wharf projecting into the harbor. On one side of the wharf the water was 25 feet deep, and there was room for two ships to unload or discharge cargo. On the other side there was a rocky reef eight feet below the surface which could not be blasted out without great expense, and no craft ever came in on that side unless it was a coaster. The wharf was 5 feet wide, but the long warehouse, which stood in the center of it, was only 30 feet wide, thus leaving an open space about it. The office was at the sea end of the warehouse. Below the warehouse and reached by a rick stairway was a platform about ten feet square, which was placed there for the convenience of employees who wanted to take a bath. When the tide was in this platform was a foot under water; when the tide was out it was three or four feet above the surface.

For a year and a half, beginning with 1857, a large number of the 30 men employed in office and warehouse had made use of this platform, and there had not been an accident of any sort. In the summer of 1859, at four o'clock in the afternoon, two clerks in the office descended for a swim. They dived from the platform together when ready, but one of them never came to the surface. When the alarm was given his body was dredged up, but could not be found. It was generally believed that a shark had entered the open slip and seized him while he was underwater, and for several weeks there was no more bathing.

The second victim was the captain of a boat consigned to the firm. One day while she was discharging cargo the captain heard the story of the mysterious disappearance. He laughed at the idea of a man-eating shark coming into the slip and contended that the shark had struck his head against a rock in diving and been so badly hurt that he died by drowning. To prove that the spot was safe he leaped from the platform and swam about for a quarter of an hour. This was Saturday evening. On Sunday afternoon he tried again, having one of the clerks as companion.

For the first five minutes all went well. Then, as the captain climbed on the platform and dived by himself he remained so long under water that his companions raised an alarm. When several minutes had passed and he did not reappear hope was abandoned and divers were at once procured and the body searched for. Close in by the mouth of the slip, where there was a deep hole in the rock, the grumplings brought up fragments of the lathing trunk worn by the unfortunate captain, but the body could not be raised. Native divers were offered as high as \$100 to go down and investigate, but not a man would undertake it. Sailors were posted to secure the body when it should rise, but nothing was ever seen of it.

For a long time Batavia enjoyed what was termed "The Wharf Mystery." There were various theories as to what had occurred to disable the two victims, and as to why their bodies could not be recovered, but the whole matter was finally forgotten except by the people on the wharf, and for several months there was no more bathing from the platform. There was from the slip on the other side, however, whenever it was free of craft, the water was deep and clear and of an evening there were a dozen men and boys swimming about and enjoying themselves. Not one of them met with any sort of adventure, and in time the employees of the office and warehouse began to make use of the platform again.

For a time nothing happened. One evening the chief clerk, whose name was Henry Littlefield, arrived a few minutes earlier than usual and announced to the porter that he was going down on the platform for a bath. The porter saw him descend with soap and towel, and heard him splashing about for a time. If an hour passed away, and as Littlefield did not return the porter went down to look for him and failed to find him. It was high tide and his clothing was hanging on a hook out of reach of the water, but as for the man himself he had disappeared as mysteriously as the other two. The alarm was given and the divers brought out, but nothing was grappled.

A diver was found to go down in his armor, and he made an exhaustive search of the slip and the deep hole. He made just one find and nothing could be proved by that. From the bottom of the hole he brought out a human skull which was as clean as a billiard ball and had evidently been in the water for a long time. It was finally identified by the teeth as the skull of the first victim of this strange mystery, but the identification did not in any way mean the clerk came to his death. Watchmen were employed night and day, boats were stationed here and there, but Littlefield's body did not rise to the surface. A reward of \$2,000 was offered for the recovery of

the body, and later a reward of \$1,000 was offered to anyone who could solve the mystery. After two or three months the fate of the last victim passed from the public mind, and by order of Schmidt & Co. no one was permitted to make further use of the platform under the office.

In the year 1874 I was mate of a sandalwood trader visiting the islands in the Java sea, and when fully loaded we sailed for Batavia to offer our cargo to Schmidt & Co. We had no difficulty in making a sale, and our craft, drawing less than seven feet of water, was hauled into the shallow slip to discharge cargo. We entered the slip of a Saturday afternoon and were lot to begin discharging cargo until Monday morning. Our crew consisted of six men. The three seamen and cook were lascars. Sunday morning about ten o'clock the captain and I left the craft to take a stroll through the city. Scarcely had we left the wharf when the cook and seamen disrobed and plunged into the waters of the slip for a swim.

After awhile they started on a race out into the harbor, but as they passed over the deep hole at the mouth of the slip the cool suddenly disappeared. The two seamen on the vessel and three or four loungers on the wharf all agreed that something suddenly flashed out of the water, curled around the cook's neck, and drew his head under water just as he was crying out in terror. That "something black" was about the size of an inch rope, very flexible, and it was moved with great swiftness. The man was pulled down so quickly that no one could be sure that he saw what he saw. We spent the entire afternoon dragging the slip and rowing about the harbor, but as in the three other cases no trace of the body was found.

One day while we were waiting for the excitement to calm down, and while strolling about the wharf, a puff of wind blew my hat into the slip. The tide was coming in just then and nearly at high water, and the hat was carried under the wharf and lodged against the platform. To recover it I went down the long disused stairway. There was at least ten inches of water over the platform, and the hat had caught on a splinter at the corner nearest the deep hole. I splashed through the water and bent over to grab for my headgear. Just as my fingers seized it something darted out of the water and whipped around my shoulders. Close at hand was a spike, with two braces from the platform secured to it.

As I instinctively started up I was drawn into the crook made by these braces and threw out my hands and got a firm hold. I cried out in alarm as I was drawn forward, but I had no idea of what was happening. My first thought was that the platform had given way under my feet. It was a matter of 15 seconds before a second something darted from the water and fell across my shoulders. I saw it as it came, and instantly realized that it was one of the tentacles of a large octopus. I now screamed for help, and as I called out a third tentacle shot forward and struck me at the level of the knee. My cries raised an instant alarm on the wharf. Inside of five minutes a dozen men, mostly sailors, were down on the stars and platform and ready to render assistance.

The clothing I had on consisted of a woolen shirt and a pair of trousers of rather heavy cloth. Owing to this the arms of the tentacles did not strike my bare flesh, nor could they get a firm grip. While the first one darted at me held me tight to the braces, the two others played around and over me like whirlpools. As the men came running down and saw what nature of creature had attacked me, they hesitated for a moment to approach. Then three sailors sprang forward with drawn knives and began to cut and slash. As they did so a fourth and fifth tentacle darted out of the water and lashed them, and two more men came forward with sharp hatchets.

From the time the first man reached me to the end of the battle was a period of ten minutes, and every minute was hard work. Every one of the five tentacles was severed time and again, but so fierce and determined was the octopus that he actually rose to the surface beside the platform and struck at the shifting feet of the men with his horrible beak. The lopping off of his arms disabled him, but he would have made his escape just the same if a man had not come down on the platform with a shotgun loaded with buckshot and fired the charge into his head.

As I clung to the braces one of the tentacles crossed my bare wrist, but that was the only spot where the flesh was touched. One of the suckers or air cups of the tentacles did not strike my bare flesh, nor could they get a firm grip. While the first one appeared, and later on a sore, and it was quite three months before the injury was entirely healed. When the fight was over I was too weak to stand, and it was two or three days before I got my nerve back.

That was how "The Mystery of the Wharf" was finally solved, though the people who had offered the reward did not come forward and claim it over. Had I stood a foot to right or left of the spike when seized I should have been pulled off the platform and dragged down into the deep hole to be leisurely devoured. The four men who lost their lives fell victims to the same creature. The octopus had come into the harbor unnoticed, and made his lair in the deep hole at the mouth of the slip. He may not have remained there all the time, but after his death a diver made a more careful search of the place and the bones were discovered and sent up.

Philadelphia Press.

The Best Thing in Milk Pails

is Pearline. That's the solid truth. You get them cleaner, and with less work and fuss, than with anything else you can use. It saves you so much that it's cheaper than the commonest stuff can be. Proof—the largest dairies and dealers use Pearline.

Some women are afraid of Pearline. They think that where cleaning is made so easy, there must be some harm to the thing washed. But Pearline can't hurt milk pails, anyway. And it can't hurt the finest lace or the softest hands, any more than it hurts milk pails.

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OVER THE SHIANGUNKS.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY ARE DOING.

All the News from All Parts of the County—Many Matters of Interest Condensed from Our Sullivan Exchanges and Contributed by Wise Awake Correspondents.

Farmers in the vicinity of Bethel have subscribed \$3,200 for a cemetery at that place.

The Kenozo Lake correspondent of the *Watchman* says: Mr. Miles Ward and Miss Eva Bischoff, from near Cullinan Depot, were married by the Rev. W. A. Misker, rector of St. James Church, on June 25th. By the way, these two people were to be married about two years ago, but as the day set for the wedding arrived and several friends and relatives had already assembled it was learned that the would-be bridegroom had left for Pennsylvania the night before. After a year or so he returned and thus it now seems they "made up again."

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Monticello and Fallsburgh Turnpike Company held on Monday, Geo. H. Smith was elected director in place of S. F. Adams. It was decided to repair the road and bridges damaged by the late heavy rains, and also put up a new bridge over the Sheldrake when the water becomes low enough.—*Watchman*.

Rev. F. Washburn has resigned as rector of the Episcopal Church, Liberty. Hereafter a resident rector will be engaged.

The Thompson Farm, Garden and Field Club celebrated the Fourth by holding its first annual picnic. About a hundred farmers and their wives and children were in attendance. There was a grand feast, a lot of discussions, some speeches, some recitations by the children and some excellent singing by the ladies. The picnic was held in A. McCullough's grove.

OTISVILLE.

To Erect a New House—Many Items of Purely Personal Interest.

Correspondent—ARGUS and MARCIA.

Herbert Ketcham and family of Newburgh, were the guests of his father, Stephen Ketcham.

Mrs. Theodore Campbell was in town last week.

A load of lumber came this week, for John Garwithen who intends building a new house.

Henry Corwin, of Middletown, was in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Alfred Ketcham, who has been suffering with rheumatism, is improving.

Mr. Firth is improving his home by a new and large piazza.

Frank Wilkin, who has been at the home of Morton Easton for the past week, returned home this week.

William Campbell, of New York, and Mr. Howell, of Philadelphia, are the guests of A. Dodge.

Miss Nellie Ketcham, who has been teaching at the Smith district, near Johnson, closed her school last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Beyear are visiting friends in Philadelphia.

George Timm, a policeman of New York city, was in town this week.

Harry Waller spent the Fourth with his wife at his grandparents', Mr. and Mrs. Firth.

Miss Arnold, who has been visiting her cousins, the Misses Holley, returned home, and Miss Emma Holley accompanied her.

Mr. and Mrs. Letson, of New York city, who spent the Fourth at Miss Hortton's, returned home Tuesday morning.

The Real Victims.

"This constant piano practice is a very severe strain on the nerves," she said with a sigh.

"So I've heard the neighbors say," he replied.—*Chicago Post*.

Giving Himself Away.

She—When they hear you are going to be married, dear, won't they raise your salary?

He—I am afraid not, darling; they have heard it so often before.—*Truth*.

He Proved It.

"Young man," said the merchant to the prospective office boy, "are you fairly well educated?"

"I be," replied the boy, proudly.—*Tit-Bits*.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by McMonagle & Rogers, Druggists.

Bucklin's Arrecta Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Rötter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Irritations, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents a box. For sale by McMonagle & Rogers.

It would be hard to convince a man suffering from bilious colic that his agony is due to a microbe with an unpronounceable name. But one dose of DeWitt's Colic and Cholera Cure will convince him of its power to afford instant relief. It kills pain. W. D. Olney.

Hundreds of precious little ones owe their lives to Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, the sovereign cure for cramp and all other throat and lung diseases.

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Mrs. L. Cornwall, 11 Prospect Avenue, Binghamton, N. Y., says: "I had rheumatism very badly in my right arm. It was so severe that my arm was practically useless. One bottle of Munyon's Rheumatism Cure entirely cured me."

Mr. F. R. Hart, Somers, West County, N. Y., says: "I have used Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure and it cured me of a bad case of dyspepsia, from which I have suffered for a long time."

Munyon's Rheumatism Cure seldom fails to relieve in one to three hours, and cures in a few days. Price 25c.

Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure positively cures all forms of indigestion and stomach trouble. Price 25c.

Munyon's Cold Cure prevents pneumonia and breaks up a cold in a few hours. Price 25c.

Munyon's Cough Cure stops coughs, night sweats, allays soreness, and speedily heals the lungs. Price 25c.

Munyon's Kidney Cure speedily cures pains in the back, loins or groins, and all forms of kidney disease. Price 25c.

Munyon's Headache Cure stops headache in three minutes. Price 25c.

Munyon's Pile Ointment positively cures all forms of piles. Price 25c.

Munyon's Blood Cure eradicates all impurities of the blood. Price 25c.

Munyon's Female Remedies are a boon to all women.

Munyon's Asthma Remedies relieve in 3 minutes and cure permanently. Price \$1.

Munyon's Catarrh Remedies never fail. The Catarrh Cure—price 25c—cure the disease from the system, and the Catarrh Tablets—price 25c—cleanse and heal the parts.

Munyon's Nose Cure is a wonderful medicine. Price 25c.

Munyon's Vitalizer restores lost powers to weak men. Price \$1.

A separate cure for each disease. At all druggists, mostly 25c a vial.

Personal letters to Prof. Munyon, 1505 Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa., answer with free medical advice for any disease.

No Occasion for Regret.

"Van Tupper is the last of a great family," he said, thoughtfully.

"Yes," she replied, "and how fortunate that the last member of a great family, for which we have always had a high regard, should be a man like Van Tupper!"

"I can't quite see that," he returned. "To me it seems just the reverse. Van Tupper is—"

"Oh, I know what Van Tupper is," she interrupted. "He's just the man to reconcile us to the fact that the family will become extinct." — *Chicago Post*.

Forearmed.

Irate Wife—You've broken your word again. You promised you would be home early.

Husband—This ain't bad, dear, only quarter of twelve.

Irate Wife—Twelve! The clock just struck three.

Husband—That's what I said. If three ain't a quarter of twelve, what is it?—To the.

Your Boy Won't Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill St., South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy won't live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery, and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for lung trouble. Trial Bottles Free at McMonagle & Rogers' Drug Store.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia, consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. W. D. Olney.

Eli Hill, Lumber City, Pa., writes: "I have been suffering from piles for twenty-five years and thought my case incurable. Dr. Wirt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me as a pile cure, so I bought a box and it performed a permanent cure." This is only one of thousands of similar cases. Eczema, sores and skin diseases yield quickly when it is used. W. D. Olney.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Notes of Sunday Services and Other Matters of Religious Interest.

W. C. T. U., 124 North street—Services at 3 o'clock. M. E. Church, Rev. Frank L. Wilson, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 10 a. m. class meeting, 3:45 p. m.; Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m.; Scouts—Scout Service, 10 a. m.; Girl Scout—Scout Service, 10 a. m.; Girls' Aid, 7:30 p. m.; Young People's Union, 7:30 p. m.; Evening service, "True Patriotism."

Old School Baptist Church—Elder Benson Jenkins, pastor. Preaching at 3 p. m. Services.

—Faith Mission, 11 Mill street, Elder D. L. Cookings, pastor. You will be made welcome to any or all of the services at the Mission. Sunday School, 2 p. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m.; Preaching to be Elder J. A. Holler, of Princeton Seminary. Preaching at 7:30 by Elder C. G. Woodbury, of Schenectady, Pa.

—A. M. E. Zion Church, East Avenue, Rev. G. M. Payne, pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 3 p. m.; C. E. 7:30 p. m.

First Congregational Church, Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., pastor—Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Young People's Service, 6:30 p. m.

Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles Bartle, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m.; Preaching morning and evening by Rev. Alexander McWilliams, of Middletown, N. Y.

First Baptist Church, Rev. F. A. Heath, pastor—Bethel School, 2:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Junior B. Y. U. P., 3 p. m.; Senior B. Y. U. P., 6:30 p. m.; Our-selves are all free.

—First Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. H. Nicoll, pastor—Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Bible-reading, 6:45 p. m.

—First Christian Church, 120 North street, Rev. J. A. Winchester, Evening service, 7:30 p. m.; "We shall gather the lambs in His bosom." Gospel Temperance Union this evening.

The First Universalist Society, Assembly Room, North street—Sunday School, 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Preaching morning and evening by Rev. Alexander McWilliams, of Middletown, N. Y.

First Free Methodist Church, Rev. Thomas D. D. pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; young people's service, 6:30 p. m.

Mission school and service, corner East Main street and Prospect avenue, at 3 p. m. Strangers cordially invited. Services conducted by Mr. Ershaw.

BRYAN'S FRIENDS GO WILD.

Great Demonstration in the Nominee's Favor at Omaha.

Omaha, Neb., July 11.—When the news of Bryan's nomination was received here from Chicago the immense crowds in front of the office of the World-Herald, the newspaper of which the nominee is editor, went wild with excitement. They threw their hats in the air and yelled themselves hoarse. Hundreds of photographs of the silver champion were scattered over the heads of the people, and they scrambled madly for them, tumbling over each other and yelling in perfect abandon. It required considerable effort to keep them from crowding into the office. The demonstration continued until far into the night. A number of prominent state politicians were in the crowd, all jubilant over the nomination of Nebraska's son. Among those who anxiously watched the bulletins was Charles W. Bryan, brother of the nominee.

Cretan Rumor Discredited in England.

London, July 11.—The government was questioned in the house of commons last night in regard to the truth of the statements contained in a special news dispatch from Athens, that Russia was prompting France to occupy Crete and hold that island against Great Britain's tenure of Cyprus; that the Greek government had become alarmed and was inducing the return to accept the terms of the vote, and that the English fleet had been so strengthened as to practically blockade the island of Crete. George N. Curzon, foreign secretary, replied that the government had not heard of any of these things and regarded them as extremely improbable.

What She Liked.

"I hope, Mr. Seely," murmured the young lady, "that you do not let your right hand know what your left hand doeth?"

"I—I never do," answered young Mr. Seely, as with his left arm resting on the back of her chair, he felt nervously around with the piece of mistletoe he had brought in his pocket.

"I am glad to know it," she resumed, shortly afterward, as she arranged her hair. "There is nothing like being close mouthed."

So he acted on that hint also.—N. Y. Recorder.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

Wheat—Spot easier, demand moderate. July, 61 1/2c.; August, 61 1/2c.; Sept., 61 1/2c.

Corn—Demand light; and weaker. July, 32 1/2c.; August, 34 1/2c.; Sept., 32 1/2c.

Oats—Spot steady and trade fair. July, 29 1/2c.; August, 29 1/2c.

Pork—Spot steady and fair inquiry. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, \$8.75@\$10.25; family, \$10.00@\$10.50; mess, \$8.00@\$8.75.

Lard—Contracts are firm, but dull.

July, \$4.20.

Eggs—Trade quiet and dull. State and Pennsylvania, fresh, 13@13 1/2c.; southern, 11@12 1/2c.; duck, 11 1/2@12 1/2c.; goose, 15@16c.; western, case, \$2.00@\$3.75.

Butter—Market remains steady and demand moderate. Creamery, new western extras, 15c.; state and Pennsylvania, seconds, to best, 13@15c.; creamery, western seconds, 10@12c.; state dairy, half-farin tubs, fresh, factory, 11c.; state dairy, half-farin tubs, seconds to firsts, 11 1/2@14 1/2c.; western inferior, 1

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WEATHER INDICATIONS

BY UNITED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Fair weather and high temperature will continue to-night and Sunday, probablyingtoward Tuesday southwesterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drug store, today:

7 A.M., 74°; 12 M., 86°; 3 P.M., 90°.

AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION.

—July 11.—Troope of Trainees Pigs, et Mo-

—July 12.—Basketball & Gipsyland, Midway Park.

—July 13.—Excursion to Rockaway Beach, Mid-

—July 14.—Astoria, New York.

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—July 16.—Picnic for the Grand Encampment.

—July 17.—Lawn party on Wallkill River at Goshen.

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socommon in summer-time, accompanied by loss of energy, lack of thought-power, means a deficient supply of nourishment. The vital force is lost. It isn't a question of muscle and sinew, but of resistance and endurance. At any age but especially in youth, it involves the risk of lung disease. Loss of flesh and a cough are threatening signs.

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—Detroit Tribune.

MEN WERE FORGOTFUL EVER.



He—Don't be so cross. Do you forget all the nice things I promised you?

She—No, but you will. — Chicago Tribune.

A Rule.

It's a rule that holds good throughout the entire race. That a pinched pocketbook shows itself in the face.

—Up-to-Date.

Baddy Bit.

"Did it hurt you when you fell, Mudge?"

"Hurt me? I broke a bottle of ammonia and a bottle of oil-lubricant in the pockets of my new ten-dollar bloomers!" —Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Bright Side of It.

Patient—I am very miserable, doctor: I have no appetite whatever.

Doctor—You are in big luck, now that everything has gone up in price. —Texas Sifter.

Loss and Gain.

"It seems as if Roberts had lost both in flesh and spirits since his fall!"

"He may have lost in flesh, but his bill for spirits is twice as large as it ever was!" —Detroit Free Press.

Vague.

Father—Harry, what time was it when you got home last night?

Harry (vaguely) — Bedtime. — Tit-Bits.

Didn't Know It.

"But you were well off before you were married."

"Yes, but I didn't know it." — Day City Chat.

Presence of Mind.

He—I think I hear your father coming. Shall I turn up the gas?

She—No, turn it out. — Town Topics.

An easy dose—one each night for ten nights will impart joy to life. Smith's

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A SMALL VOLCANO IN PORT JERVIS

Smouldering Cinders in an Embankment Cause an Explosion That Alarms the Tiled.

Several years ago, when Port Jervis had acquired a reputation for wickedness, it was often intimated that the town was located in close proximity, if not directly over, to hell itself. Those truly good people in the village, who held to the latter opinion, were convinced that they were right, Thursday evening, when there was a rumbling noise and then a violent explosion, which shook the whole village and a cloud of fire and steam unaccompanied by stones, cinders and earth rose over a hundred feet into the air, while an excavation was made from which hundreds of cubic yards of earth had been scattered about for a long distance.

The explanation of all this, however, is this: A low spot of ground near the Delaware River had been filled in and an embankment raised for Frieswitches. The filling was mostly of cinders and rubbish and for the past two years fire has been burning deep down in the embankment. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the conversion of the heavy rainfall that evening into steam by the intense subterranean heat.

THE ARMY WORM'S RAVAGES.

Laying Waste Fertile Fields in Many Sections of the State.

The army worm is laying waste the crops of farmers in many sections of the State. They have been reported in many localities in Delaware, Broome and Chenango counties. They have appeared in several places in this county, but not in very alarming numbers. In Dutchess county they have done great damage, and are now reported to be desolating Gov. Morton's Ellerslie farm at Rhinebeck. They have just appeared in Chenango county, near Norwich, and have devoured a large field of corn and fifteen acres of fine oats, leaving nothing but the bare stalks.

A BIG JUDGMENT.

In Favor of Dr. Seward and Against Senator Borsy.

From the Goshen Independent.

Among the heavy judgments recently recorded in the office of the County Clerk is one against Senator and Mrs. S. W. Borsy for \$15,590. This judgment was obtained in an action for breach of contract. It will be remembered that some few years ago Dr. Seward was negotiating for the purchase of a large property in New Mexico, with a view of establishing there a Sanitarium enterprise. The above action grew out of the failure of the Borsys to fulfill a contract to convey with a clear title the property involved.

An Officer in Hard Luck.

Officer Soper of Walton, took a prisoner to the Albany penitentiary, a few days ago, and while waiting at the station to take a train for home was arrested as a suspicious character and taken to police headquarters. It was not until he showed his receipt for his prisoner that he was allowed to go. The arrest was made because the police had been asked to look out for a man with a scar on his cheek and Soper answered this description, his prisoner having marked him while resisting arrest.

Helped to Return to Ellenville.

The mother of John Evans or Vanscoy, who is in the Norwich jail for misappropriating the funds of the Norwich Steamer Co., went from Ellenville to Norwich to see her son. She is very poor and had only money enough to pay her fare. Evans' wife was anxious to return with his mother to her old home and Sheriff Payne, whose sympathies were touched, raised enough funds to pay her fare and \$1.50 besides.

The Universalist Service.

The Rev. Alfred E. Booth, of St. Albans, Vt., will preach in the Assembly Rooms, Sunday morning and evening. Mr. Booth spent four weeks in Middletown last winter and while here made many friends, all of whom will be glad to this opportunity to see and hear him again. The public is cordially invited to both services.

Good Blood

It is essential to health that the blood be healthy. The best way to keep the blood in a healthy condition is to eat every day a portion of every organic food that can be had—strong nerves, a strong heart, a strong body. Impure food is the cause of rheumatism, gout, etc. The Shaker Digestive Cordial is the only certain way of being permanently cured, because it is the only way that gets rid of the poisons. You know that fermented food is poisonous. You know that poison is unhealthy. Shaker Digestive Cordial clears the stomach of fermented food, and purifies the blood and system of indigestive poisons. It cures indigestion and the diseases that come of it. Headache, dizziness, nausea, stomach-ache, weakness, flatulence, constipation, loss of appetite, irritability, etc. These are a few of the symptoms, caused by indigestive poisons, cured by Shaker Digestive Cordial.

At druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Ch. Hill, Lumber City, Pa., writes: "I have been suffering from piles for twenty-five years and thought my case incurable. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve was recommended to me as a piles cure, so I bought a box and it performed a permanent cure." This is only one of thousands of similar cases. Eczema, sores and skin diseases yield quickly when it is used. W. D. Oney.

Hood's Pills ease Liver Pts., easy to take.

Are you suffering from rheumatism? Thomas' Electric Oil has cured thousands of the worst cases of this terrible disease. It only costs 50 cents try it.

HELD ON A SERIOUS CHARGE.

A Young Girl Enticed from Her Home by a Woman.

From our Goshen Correspondent. Sadie Doty, a young woman who arrived in Goshen several months ago from one of the rural districts and who during her residence in this village added by her questionable conduct not a few blamishes to a reputation not altogether spotless, is held for trial at Goshen jail on a charge which may send her up the river.

Last Thursday she induced a young girl, aged about fifteen years, residing with her parents near Stone Bridge, to accompany her to a place near Florida, where they stayed over night at the residence of a friend of Sadie's. In the morning they drove to Goshen and several times during the day the Doty girl tried without success to induce her young companion to board the trolley cars for Middletown. Her purpose was undoubtedly an unholy one.

She finally promised to procure a horse and wagon and take the girl home. It was here that Officer Landy, who had discovered the existing state of affairs, arrested Miss Doty and took charge of her young companion.

A preliminary hearing took place before Justice C. W. Coleman at the Court House, last night, and an adjournment was taken until the evidence can be arranged in presentable form.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MEET

The Badges Distributed—Talking Over the Parade—Fire Police—Deckertown Companies Want to Parade.

A meeting of the Board of Engineers and the officers of the several companies of the Fire Department was held at Engelsdorff's parlors, last evening. The new badges were distributed as follows:

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